

St George's Church, Benenden

Our Mission: "To know and love Jesus and make his love known to all"

Our Worship: Sunday 25th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 25th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4.5-12, John 10.11-18

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCH

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S**
led by Vicki Young & Revd David Commander
- 10 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 th	8am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7.30pm	Benenden PCC meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 27 th	8am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday 28 th	8am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Thursday 29 th	7pm	Choir Practice at St George's
Friday 30 th	8am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

Zoom link to Morning Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3971102878?pwd=UkpkY2R2Z1lXbmJqNUdzdzB2RVZUUT09>

Meeting ID: 397 110 2878 Passcode: 658989

Sunday Next: 2nd May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8.26-end, John 15.1-8

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCH

- 8 am** **HOLY COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS**
led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie & Revd David Commander
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Acts 4.5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

John 10.11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Prayers: Those of you who knew Wendy Clifford, who was for many years a member of our congregation at St George's, will be sad to know that she has died, at the age of 91. She died peacefully at home on Easter morning after a short illness. We remember her, and her family, in our prayers. Revd Rosemary

Please pray for the family of Shirley Foss, who passed away on Friday 16th April at Staplehurst Manor Care Home. Shirley would have been 93 years old on Monday, the 19th. Arrangements for the funeral are not known at this time, other than it is likely to be a service at a Crematorium. Revd David

The revision of the Electoral Roll has commenced and will close next Sunday, 2nd May. Application forms can be found at the back of the church. Anyone wishing to apply to join the roll should fill in an application form and either leave it at the back of the church for the attention of David Collard or deliver it to 7 Fuggles Court.

The APCM is on Monday 24th May at 7:30pm at St. George's Church.

Ascension Day - Thursday 13th May

There will be a Communion service at St. George's Church at 7.30pm to mark the ascension.

St George's Church Choir

We are planning to re-start our choir practices in church as follows:

Thursday 29th April. Choir practice in church 7-8pm
for Sundays 2nd and 16th and for Thursday 13th May.

Thursday 27th May. Choir practice in church 7-8pm
for Sundays 30th May and 6th June.

Thursday 17th June. Choir practice in church 7-8pm
for Sunday 20th June.

Richard Fisher

Fundraising for the Weald Family Hub & Benenden Church of England Primary School

Many of you know Lindsay Roberts, the Executive Headteacher at Benenden Primary School. At the end of May Lindsay is doing a skydive to raise funds for the Weald Family Hub, our primary school and Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary School.

To find out more, and to sponsor Lindsay please take a look at her Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindsay-roberts-3>

Here is Lindsay's story:

Mrs Roberts the Executive Head Teacher of Benenden and Goudhurst and Kilndown Church of England Primary Schools, is completing a Skydive on 31st of May.

For those who know Mrs Roberts, you will also know that she does not take to heights easily. Therefore, she is looking to complete this challenge whilst raising awareness for three amazing local charities. The money donated will be split equally between The Weald Family Hub and the Parents & Friends Associations of both Benenden and Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary Schools,

Due to the pandemic, it has been a tough year for all and local charities have suffered greatly without their regular fundraising events. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will make a world of difference to all the children and the families who highly depend on the support of these charities.

Benenden Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall has not been open since March 2020 due to Coronavirus restrictions but we hope to be able to open the premises in the near future after a thorough clean and complete sanitise are carried out.

Applications to rent the hall should still be sent to Jackie Liffen:
Email: memhall@daisystar.co.uk

We hope to be able to open the hall from 21st June for normal use but may be able to open for small groups from 17th May.

In the meantime, we need to find a replacement cleaner.

If anyone is interested please contact David Collard on 01580 241944 for details.

Christian Aid week 2021



Tracy Claridge has set up a Benenden & Iden Green JustGiving page for Christian Aid 2021. Our target this year is £3,000.

The JustGiving link is available via the St George's Church website and Facebook pages. Or access the page from your mobile phone using this QR code:



*Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure.
When you donate your money is sent directly to Christian Aid.
So it is the most efficient way to give - saving time
and cutting costs for the charity.*

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